

## **National People's Assembly on the SDGs**

### **PEOPLE'S CHARTER OF DEMANDS**

Date: 24 September 2020

Place: Hotel Crown Plaza, Islamabad

### **National People's Assembly on SDGs in Pakistan**

#### **Demands Rights for Marginalized Groups**

First ever National People's Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was held on today, 24 September 2020. *More than 80* representatives from all our Pakistan including AJK & GB participated in the event. Participants included CSOs, Academia, Youth, Minorities, Transgenders, Media, Parliamentarians and members of SDGs Task forces.

During Assembly, various marginalized people i.e. Home Based workers, minority workers raised their voices, concerns, challenges and highlighted issue related to decent work and social protection under SDGs Goal 08 (**Decent Work & Economic Growth**).

This mobilisation under National People's Assembly is part of a global movement of #PeoplesAssembly2020 organised by civil society, grassroots and marginalized peoples and communities across the globe to raise voices and key issues to influence policies from the local to global levels. These mobilisations are also part of the Global Week of Action, which marks 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2020 - [#Act4SDGs on 25 September 2020](#), and these demands will be sent to the Heads of State's meeting for the UN General Assembly.

The key demands raised in National People's Assembly included:

- Ensure facilitation in making the process of registration with Economic Affairs Division easy and convenient for CSOs and to expedite the processes of those CSOs who have applied for the registration for EAD.
- Civil Society reclaiming their spaces demand the registration related laws and processes for NGOs/NPOs must be simplified.
- People's Assembly demands the immediate elections of the local governments to ensure effective engagement of the citizens in realization of the SDGs.
- People's Assembly also demands the availability of baseline data related to all SDGs for effective implementation and monitoring.
- Ensure Protection of workers in Informal Economy by introducing Universal Social Protection for all.
- People's Assembly demands the implementation of Minimum wages across sectors including Home Based and Domestic work.
- Ensure implementation of protection against harassment at workplace laws across the country by setting up structures, allocating adequate resources and extending its outreach by protecting the workers in the informal economy.

- Ensure protection of workers through implementation of labour mechanism as envisaged in provincial laws.
- Set up mechanism for ensuring increase in women labour force participation.
- Ensure integration of available social protection and safety nets with labour issues.
- Ensure registration of daily wage workers and develop policy frameworks to bring daily wages workers in mainstream.
- Ensuring right to organize and collective bargaining for workers across sectors.
- People's Assembly demands information on SDGs to be made part of the curriculum.
- All government's projects and programs should be realigned with SDGs framework
- People's Assembly demands sensitization of parliamentarians, government and media on SDGs frameworks.
- Ensure coordination and collaboration of CSOs with Parliamentary Task Forces across the country.

The National People's Assembly was coordinated by AwazCDS-Pakistan / Pakistan Development Alliance, National SDGs Task Forces, Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights.

The following parliamentarians and PDA's National, Regional and Provincial leads graced the event,

1. Mr. Riaz Khan Fatyana- Convener - National Parliamentary Task Force on SDGs
2. Mr. Zia Ur Rehman Founder & Chief Executive AwazCDS-Pakistan/ National Convener Pakistan Development Alliance
3. Mr. Chaudhery Muhammad Shafique- Executive Director Parliamentarians Commissions for Human Rights
4. Dr. Nausheen Hamid-MNA Convener Sub Committee on SDGs Goal 03
5. Ms. Munawara Baloch MNA
6. Ms. Rukhsana Naveed- MNA Parliamentary Secretary Climate Change
7. Mr. Hashim Bilal-Country Representative VSO Pakistan
8. Ms. Zile Huma-MNA Member Sub-committee on SDGs Goal 10
9. Ms. Ume Laila Azhar-Provincial Co-Chair PDA/Executive Director HomeNet Pakistan
10. Ms. Rubina Massey - Provincial Co-Chair PDA Khayber Pakhtunkhaw /Executive Director Integrated Community Development Initiative
11. Mr. Muhammad Anis Danish- Focal Person PDA Sindh/ Advisor Civil Society Support Legal Rights Forum
12. Mr. Pervaiz Iqbal - Provincial Co-Chair PDA Balochistan/ Executive Director Water Environment & Sanitation Society (WESS)
13. Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Khan- Regional Co-Chair PDA Gilgit Baltistan/ Executive Director Publishing Extension Network
14. Mr. Raja Iftikhar- Focal Person PDA AJ & K/ Head of Programs Area Development Organization

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